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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final office action mailed January 3, 2007. This response is being filed within the third month after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period set in the office action. A separate petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, which resets the due date for response to July 3, 2007, is filed herewith. An Information Disclosure Statement with the fee required by 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2) is also filed herewith. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this amendment. Please charge any fee that is due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

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